Q: Last year, I taught the class that Lenny is teaching.  The official PLTW title for the class I taught is  Intro to Design.  According to PLTW, Intro to Design is the F elective version if Intro to Engineering Design.  The students and parents were told that if they received a B or better in the class it would count as college credit from El Camino.  Their transcript says Digital Art which is not the class they took.

**A: PLTW is not approved as a fine art for our school, Digital Art is. That way students get their art credit.**

Q: During the 09-10 school year students have a course titled Art and Design 1 that should be changed to Traditional Art.  Traditional Art is UC approved and is the same content the students learned.

A: **Art & Design is the same as Traditional Art and I was sure to include it as a transcript abbreviation on the UC approval. But yes, students need to know it is the same course.**

Q: Where should Psychology go in the A-G?

**A: Psychology is an elective course. It will (hopefully) be approved for next year and fall under the “G” requirement for College Prep Elective, but for now it is just an elective.**

Q: As far as Graduation Reqs. For DV, Is taking the SAT a graduation requirement?

**A: No. In fact, a lot of students are opting to take the ACT instead of the SAT since all colleges accept either test for admissions.**

Q: Are there a certain number of college courses students need to have taken to graduate?

**A: No.**

Q: If the students do not need a 4th year of math, will they be able to opt out of math in their senior year?

**A: No, well, I hope not. The goal is to have all students take 4 years of math. Some universities are moving toward it being an admission requirement, but more than that we don’t want students skipping a year of math before their transition to college, where they will continue some sort of math. That being said, not all students will be “fit” to pass high levels of math offered at Da Vinci, and the state only requires completion of 2 years including Algebra 1, and UC only requires 3 years through a minimum of Algebra 2. This of course is not the competitive student, but will happen.**

Q: Does the Drama Seminar (or any seminar) count for any A-G requirements?

**A: No. In general, only year-long academic courses are approved for A-G, with the exception of Economics which I will be submitting for A-G approval.**

Q: Is it 1 or 2 years required for Art at Da Vinci?  The student planner lists 2 years and some of the seniors were pretty sure it was 2 years.

**A: 1 year of Art for Da Vinci, same as “A-G”**

Q: On that note, is Digital Art with Mr. P an F or G requirement?  Can it count for both?

**A: Such good questions. Digital Art is an F requirement, unless they’ve already fulfilled the F year and then an additional year may count toward the G requirement. Let’s talk about**

**“THE G REQUIREMENT”:**

**“One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in “a-f” above, chosen from the following areas: engineering technology, visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced math, lab science, and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the “e” requirement or two years of another language).**

Q: Can the PLTW Seminar count for a G requirement?

**A: Yes! All PLTW are G’s.**

Q: What category does PE fall under?

**A: PE doesn’t count for a thing. It’s just a grad requirement for most public schools. Sorry.**